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**Title:** Water-Soluble Thioester and Selenoester  
Compounds and Methods for Making an  
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**Reply to Office Action**

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Sir:

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